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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED SUBSTANCE REFTEL JULY 23 WITH HUMPHREYS,
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ACTING FIRST ASSISTANT SECRETARY, ECONOMIC RELATIONS, DEP-

ARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS. HUMPHREYS INDICATED GOA BROADLY SHARES U.S. VIEWS RESPECTING APPROACH TO CIEC IMPASSE. HE STATED GOA AMBASSADOR TO OECD HAS BEEN AUTHORIZED TO GIVE FULL ASSISTANCE TO CANADIAN COCHAIRMAN.

2. GOA CONCERNED OVER BREAKDOWN IN DEVELOPMENT WORK PROGRAMS AND BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT A WAY BE FOUND TO DEVISE A FORMULA WHICH WILL PERMIT RAPID AGREEMENT ON WORK PROGRAM IN COMMISSIONS AT THE OUTSET OF THEIR SEPTEMBER SESSIONS.

3. HUMPHREYS' COMMENTS INDICATE TO US THAT AT THE OFICIAL LEVEL THE GOA POSITION RESPECTING THE RECENT CIEC IMPASSE BROADLY PARALLELS THE USG POSITION. WE SHOULD EMPHASIZE, HOWEVER, THAT HIS COMMENTS PRESUMABLY REPRESENT A QUICK REACTION TO THE POINTS MADE IN OUR APPROACH, AND THAT THE GOA PROBABLY HAS NOT HAD OCCASION TO CONSIDER ITS POSITION IN DEPTH FOLLOWING THE ADJOURNMENT OF THE COMMISSION MEETING. FOR THIS REASON, WE ASSUME THE DEPARTMENT WILL WISH TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE IMMINENT WASHINGTON VISIT OF PRIME MINISTER FRASER AND FOREIGN MINISTER PEACOCK TO PURSUE THIS QUESTION FURTHER. WE UNDERSTAND THAT THE PRIME MINISTER ON HIS OWN INITIATIVE HAS LISTED CIEC AS A TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION DURING HIS JULY 27 MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT. PRESUMABLY, THIS SUBJECT COULD BE COVERED DURING THAT MEETING OR DURING THE DEPARTMENTAL SESSIONS WITH THE PRIME MINISTER AND MEMBERS OF HIS PARTY.
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